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Casey L. Martin**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of:

Applicant(s): Raymond W. McCollum, et al.

Examiner: Nguyen Ba, Hoang Vu A

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Title: MODEL-BASED MANAGEMENT OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND DISTRIBUTED APPLICATIONS

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Dear Sir:

This interview summary is in response to a telephone interview between Examiner, Nguyen Ba, Hoang Vu A and Applicants' representative, Andrew R. Spriegel. Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview on October 4, 2005. The Examiner was contacted to clarify an aspect of Applicants' claimed invention in relation to the cited reference. The Applicants' representative informed the Examiner that a terminal disclaimer would be filed based upon

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the Examiner's recommendation in the Office Action dated August 19, 2005. In addition, it was submitted that the system disclosed in the cited reference (Ravindran) has the application installed prior to the system description language compiling the model (*see* Page 33, column 2, lines 2-4), whereas the subject claims in contrast, use the description component during installation of the application or service to configure it. The Examiner agreed to reconsider Ravindran based upon these remarks and the formal reply to the Office Action dated August 19, 2005.

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